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As the Chief Elections Officer for South Dakota, it is my responsibility to ensure the integrity of the elections process. We want your experience to be **fair, transparent and secure.**

- *Shantel Krebs,*
SECRETARY OF STATE



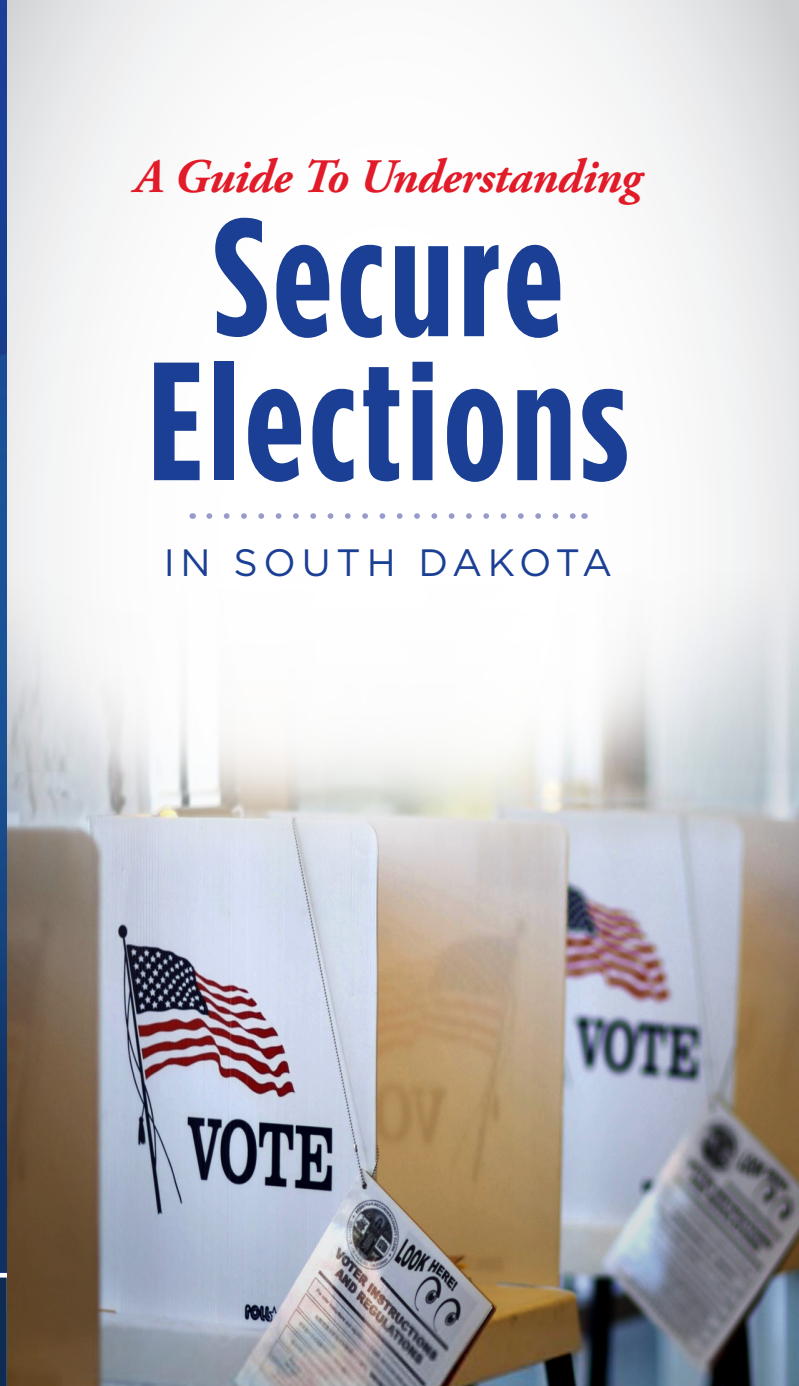
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A Guide To Understanding

Secure Elections

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IN SOUTH DAKOTA



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SHANTEL KREBS

Electoral Integrity

*Our Accountable, Secure Processes
Ensure a Fair Outcome*

Ballot Security

"In South Dakota our priority is to prevent voter fraud by using paper ballots, not connecting tabulating machines to the internet, requiring a Photo ID and encouraging citizens to volunteer as poll watchers on Election Day."

- Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State

- South Dakota uses paper ballots – **NO Online Voting.**
- Marked Ballots are placed into a secure locked ballot box that is delivered by two poll workers of different political parties to the County Auditor's office that evening after the polls are closed.
- The County Auditor opens the sealed ballot box in public view.

No Internet Connections While Voting

- Paper ballots are removed from the ballot box in public view and put into the tabulating machine which is **NOT connected to the Internet.**
- Once the tabulation of the paper ballots has been completed, the County Auditor takes the results printed from the tabulator and logs in to the statewide voter registration system using a secure computer and a unique username, password, and authentication key. The County Auditor enters the precinct level results, which then pull to our live election results page.
- The cross check, or statewide canvass is completed once the County Commission signs off for each county, and that canvass report is submitted to the state for the statewide canvass.
- **South Dakota does not have any Internet-based voting systems.**

Safeguards to Register to Vote

"In order to protect against voter fraud in South Dakota, we review information on the front end when a citizen wants to become a registered voter before their registration is official." – *Shantel Krebs*

- Every evening, all new and updated registrations go through a background check through the Social Security Administration.
- The Unified Judicial System checks to see if they have been a convicted felon and does a felony background check.
- The State Vital Records check against death certificates.

Voter ID Requirements to Vote

"South Dakota ensures against voter fraud on Election Day or Absentee Voting by following state Voter ID laws."

- Shantel Krebs

- Photo ID is a requirement to vote. You must present one of the allowable photo ID's: such as a SD drivers license, a state issued non-drivers license ID, tribal ID, passport, university photo ID, current high school photo ID.
- If you do not have an acceptable form of ID, you must be given the option to sign a personal affidavit that you will sign under the penalty of perjury in which you state you are the person you have declared.

Poll Watchers

"We encourage citizens to become involved on Election Day to ensure the process is fair, transparent and secure. Consider being a Poll Watcher or Poll Observer."

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If at the polls, you feel that you were incorrectly prevented from voting, you may call the County Auditor or the Secretary of State at 888-703-5328 or your County State's Attorney. Be sure to make that phone call before leaving the polling place.

Polls Open and Close

The polls are open from 7am to 7pm (Local Time).

*For the most current information, visit
SDSOS.GOV or call **(605) 773-3537.***